Town of St. George’s
Regular Council Meeting

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of
The Town of St. George’s held in
Town Hall August 10th, 2020

Members Present
Mayor D. Conway
Deputy Mayor T. Messervy
Councillors C. White
A. Tobin
M. Fleming
R. Williams

Also Present
Town Manager/ Clerk J. Butt
Assistant Town Clerk S. Bennett

Call to Order
Mayor D. Conway called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
The Mayor welcomed Deputy Mayor Messervy, Councillor
Fleming and Councillor White who attended via teleconference,
and Councillor Williams and Councillor Tobin who attended in
person and the public who attended via Facebook Live.

Adoption of Agenda
Motion #20 - 119 Councillor Tobin/ Councillor Williams
Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion
carried.

Delegations &
Proclamations
N/A

Adoption of Minutes
Motion #20 - 120 Councillor Williams/ Councillor Tobin
Be it resolved to adopt the minutes from our regular meeting held on

In Favor:
Mayor D. Conway
Deputy Mayor T. Messervy
Councillor A. Tobin
Councillor R. Williams
Councillor C. White
Motion carried.

Opposed:
Councillor M. Fleming

Business arising from
Minutes
N/A

Committee Reports
a) Finance

1) Motion #20 – 121 Councillor Tobin/Councillor Williams
Be it resolved that General Invoices in the amount of $27,426.31 be
approved for payment. All in favor. Motion carried.

2) Motion #20 – 122 Councillor White/Councillor Tobin
Be it resolved that the post approval for General Invoices in the amount
of $865.92 be granted. All in favor. Motion carried.

3) Motion #20 – 123 Councillor Tobin/ Councillor Williams
Be it resolved that Invoice # CB0170 For DMG Consulting Limited
Progress Billing #3 Project 17-GI -20 - 00043 in the amount of $419.75 to
be approved for payment from the Projects Account upon payment
from DMAE. All in favor. Motion carried.
4) Motion #20 - 124 Councillor Williams / Councillor White
Be it resolved that Invoice #2020337 for Burtons Electrical Energy
Efficiency Upgrade Town Warehouse in the amount of $2,748.50 be
paid from the Gas Tax Account. All in favor. Motion carried.

5) Current Bank Balances were given.

6) Aged Receivables report shows as of July 31st, 2020 property taxes at
87.90% collected, water and sewer taxes at 79.37% and business at
87.21%.

7) Expense/Income report shows expenses at 48.63% and income at
81.34% for July 2020.

b) Projects

Chlorination Building Upgrade/New Water Storage Tank Replacement
New Drilled Well
Work has been completed on the Chlorination Building fence and gate
however, the gate closest to Steel Mountain Road still needs to be
addressed.

The groundwork for the New Water Storage Tank is underway, the
compaction is complete and Town Manager will consult with DMG for
testing results.

DMAE provided a list of consultants who have expertise in drilled wells
today.

Mayor Conway also discussed issues that took place with the
water system at the Chlorination building, repairs are underway with a
possible cost of $20,000. Councillor Fleming inquired if this cost would
impact tax payer’s. Mayor Conway is confident that cost of this work
will be covered by Gas Tax and will not result in a tax increase to our
residents.

c) Fire Department

1) July Fire Reports
There were three fire reports for the month of July
a) On July 21, 2020 there was a Forest, Standing Timber fire on Flintkote
Road.
b) On July 30th, 2020 there was a Mutual Aid call on Main Street
with ambulance in attendance.
c) On Aug 2nd, 2020 there was a motor vehicle accident on Steel
Mountain Road.

We received a report from Linus Tremblett Fire Services
Division who was contacted by Metal Fab who is our supplier
of our New Fire Pumper advising us that we will be receiving it by
Mid September unless there are other unforeseen potential issues
spawning from the virus.

d) Stadium/Recreation

Finance Report
As of July 31st, 2020 the Siki Bennett Memorial Stadium has a deficit
$34,384.84. This month the Electric Bill for the stadium was $0.00
because of the NL Power rebate.

e) Roads

Mayor Conway discussed the roads in town, it appears
our roads are in good shape, but we have been getting a lot of
complaints about Dirt Bikes and ATV’s on Main Street. Main Street does
not belong to the town it falls under the Province’s jurisdiction. Mayor
Conway stated that the R.C.M.P. has been patrolling the Town of St.
George’s trying to take care of the ongoing Dirt Bikes/ATV issues.
Town Manager stated that she had a discussion with Councillor White
regarding ATV regulations and that they would only pertain to side
roads. It was determined that more information is needed from council
before we can draft regulations considering what roads will be involved and what the limitations are.

The Town Manager did say that she feels a small committee should be formed. Councillor Fleming agreed and stated that he would like to be part of the committee along with Councillor White and anyone else who would like to take part. Since most of the ATV/Dirt Bike usage is on both Main Street and Steel Mountain Road the town cannot publish regulations that will affect either of these roads. Ultimately the regulations will only pertain to Town owned roads and they must be completed correctly.

Town Manager also stated that Website Notification was sent out regarding people affixing signage to our road signs which is strictly forbidden, furthermore, the signage that was attached was not appropriate by any means, it has since been removed by Public Works.

Since Councillor White who was connected by electronic means had a bad connection, the Town Manager gave a brief update on the Marina. Bailey’s Marine Service will begin work on the Marina in September to place additional Anchor Points on the floating docks. Until the proper work is completed the Town of St. George’s will not be signing the grant agreement with DFO.

1) General Repairs
Motion #20 – 125 Councillor Williams/ Councillor White
Be it be resolved that General Repair Permits 1105, 1106, 1107, 1108, 1109, 1110, 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1117, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122, 1123, 1124, 1125, 1126, 1127, 1128, 1128A, 1129, 1132, and 1133 be accepted as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Building Permits
Motion # 20 – 126 Councillor Tobin/ Councillor Williams
Be it resolved that Building Permits 1118, 1130, 1131, 1134, 1135, 1136, and Revised 1000 be accepted as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Application for Agriculture Permit
An Application for an Agriculture Permit for 19 Harview’s Lane to build a chicken coop and house 6 chickens were discussed but no motion was tabled as it does not comply with the current development regulations.

Motion #20 – 127 Councillor Tobin/ Councillor Williams
Be it resolved that the Agriculture Permit for 29 Butts Lane be accepted as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion #20 – 128 Councillor White/ Councillor Williams
Be it resolved that the Agriculture Permit for 398 Main Street be accepted as presented.

In favor:
Mayor D. Conway
Deputy Mayor T. Messervey
Councillor C. White
Councillor A. Tobin
Councillor R. Williams
Motion carried.

Letters of Objection Agriculture Permits
The Town received three letters of objection regarding Agriculture Permits for 398 Main Street, and 29 Butts Lane.

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Assessment of Properties
a) Town Manager gave an update on the assessment of properties which is now completed with help of Public Works Department. As of now there is a total of 70 properties which has debris, wood, building materials, and old tires which are mostly being utilized for potted plants or being used to support plants. The Town Manager requested direction from Council regarding next steps. Some letters have already been sent to residents regarding areas of concern. Additional letters will be sent to property owners with the most debris.

New Business

a) Wood Cutting along the bank from (Shore Lane to Pelly’s Lane)
Town Manager received a request for “No Wood Cutting” signage to be placed on the bank from Shore Lane to Pelly’s Lane, where people are cutting timber and the resident was concerned about erosion. Crown Lands was contacted who suggested the Town Manager contact the Forestry Office in Barachois Brook to get signs, but the Forestry does not provide signage to Towns. A discussion was held by Council and it was decided that as we cannot enforce no cutting along the bank, signage would therefore not be placed.

b) Community Garden Memorial Benches
Several residents have asked if they could place Memorial Benches along sidewalks, Sunset Trail or on Corner of Main Street and Station Road across from St. George’s Indian Band Building. Council agreed to make a motion.

Motion #20 – 129 Councillor Tobin/Councillor White
Be it resolved that Town authorizes Community Garden Memorial Benches to be placed on Town Land. All in favor. Motion carried.

c) Fireworks Policy/ Regulations
The Town Manager had a request from a resident who is concerned about the affects of fireworks on pets. The Town does have a Noise/Nuisance Policy where it states Explicitly “No discharging of Firearms or Firing/Fireworks or setting off firecrackers between the hours of 10 P.M. and 7 A.M. The Town Manager will reiterate this information on the Town Website and ask that if residents are intending to use Fireworks that they notify the Town of when and where so it could be published to aid in residents keeping pets safe and secure.

d) Approval to Borrow Motions Project #17-GI-21-00058 New Drilled Well
Motion #20 – 130 Councillor Williams/ Councillor Tobin
Be it resolved that the Town of St. George’s requests a loan from the Leading Edge Credit Union located in St. George’s for:
Municipal Share of Project No. 17-GI-21-00058 New Drilled Well in the amount of $19,844.00 for a term of 12 months/84 month amortization period at an interest rate of 5.20% All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion #20 – 131 Councillor Tobin/ Councillor Williams
Be it resolved that the Town of St. George’s requests a loan from the Leading Edge Credit Union located in St. George’s for:
GST/HST rebate portion for Project No. 17-GI-21-00058 New Drilled Well in the amount of $20,387.00 for a term of 12 months/12 month amortization period at an interest rate of 5.20%. All in favor. Motion carried.
e) Approval to Borrow Motions Project #17-MCW-21-00027 Chlorination Building Emergency Generator

Motion #20 – 132 Councillor Tobin/ Councillor White
Be it resolved that the Town of St. George’s requests a loan from the Leading Edge Credit Union located in St. George’s for:
Municipal Share of Project No. 17-MCW-21-00027 Chlorination Building Emergency Generator in the amount of $62,118.00 for a term of 12 months/ 120 amortization period of at an interest rate of 5.20%. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion #20 – 133 Councillor Tobin/Councillor Williams
Be it resolved that the Town of St. George’s requests a loan from the Leading Edge Credit Union located in St. George’s for:
GST/HST rebate portion for Project No. 17-MCW-21-00027 Chlorination Building Emergency Generator in the amount of $12,764.00 for a term of 12 months/ 12 month amortization period at an interest rate of 5.20%. All in favor. Motion carried.

f) Tender for Loader/Mini Excavator
A discussion regarding a Tender for Loader/ Mini Excavator was held, no motion was tabled. Mayor Conway and Town Manager will get additional specifications along with opinions from other contractors/Towns and this item will be tabled at the next meeting.

* At 8:08 P.M. Councillor White lost connection and was reconnected at 8:16 P.M.

g) Quotes – Annual Material & Equipment – Motion
Motion #20 – 134 Councillor Tobin/ Councillor Williams
Be it resolved that On-Grade Construction 2015 Inc. be awarded the Annual Material & Equipment Contract for the Town of St. George’s September 1st, 2020 to August, 31st, 2021. All in favor. Motion carried.

In Favor: Lost Connection
Mayor Conway Councillor White
Deputy Mayor Messervey
Councillor Tobin
Councillor Fleming
Councillor Williams

h) Rental Office – Space – Stadium
Motion #20 – 135 Councillor Tobin/ Councillor Williams
Be it resolved to rent office space at Siki Bennett Memorial Stadium from approximately 11 August,2020 to 11 October, 2020 for Transportation and Works in the amount of $600.00 per month.
All in favor. Motion carried.

In favor: Abstained
Mayor Conway Councillor Fleming
Deputy Mayor Messervey Lost Connection
Councillor Tobin Councillor White
Councillor Williams

*Councillor White lost connection at 8:08 p.m. and resumed at 8:16 p.m.

Other Business
N/A

Incoming Correspondence

a) Email – Potential Amendments to the Wastewater Effluent Regulations
An email was received to inform us that ECCC is proposing amendments to the Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations (WSER).
b) Letter – DMAE Capital Investment Plan Approval Energy Efficiency Upgrade Town Warehouse
A letter was received from DMAE to advise us that the Gas Tax Committee has accepted the project listed on the Town’s Capital Investment Plan as Energy Efficiency Upgrade – Town Warehouse.

c) Letter – DMAE Application Status AP-MCW-20304
A letter was received from DMAE to inform us that the application AP-MCW-20304- Various Road Upgrades- Hayes Lane/ Brakes Road for capital works funding from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment (MAE) has not been selected for funding.

d) Letter – DMAE Application Status AP-MCW-20305
A letter was received from DMAE to inform us that the application AP-MCW-20305-Various Road Upgrades- Forest Drive for capital works funding from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment (MAE) has not been selected for funding.

e) Letter – DMAE Application Status AP-MCW-20306
A letter was received from DMAE to inform us that the application AP-MCW-20306-Various Road Upgrades-Chestnut Street for capital works funding from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment (MAE) has not been selected for funding.

f) Circular – DMAE Ultimate Recipient Gas Tax Agreement Revision
A circular was received from DMAE to advise us effective July 21, 2020 within the Ultimate Recipient Gas Tax Agreement, Schedule A, Paragraph 14 has been deleted and replaced with the following:
"Submit a Capital Investment Plan to the Province for proposed eligible projects within the same calendar year that construction is initiated."

g) Memo – Update on Municipal Assessment Agency
A memo was received with an update as follows: The Board of Directors for the Municipal Assessment Agency met via teleconference on July 7, 2020. The audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2020 were presented and approved. The Agency ended the period with a surplus of $47,408.

h) Notice – Municipal Assessment Agency Clar Simmons Scholarship
A notice was received with an application attached for Clar Simmons Scholarship.

Outgoing Correspondence
N/A

Adjournment

Motion #20 – 136 Councillor Tobin / Councillor Williams
Be it resolved that the meeting does now adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held on September 8th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk